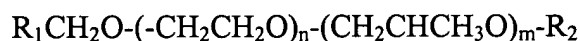


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

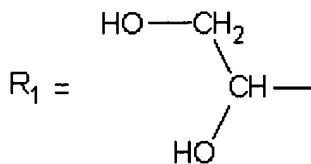
1. (currently amended) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates obtained from the reaction of:

- (i) a polyisocyanate;
- (ii) a thermally de-blockable -N=C=O blocking agent; and
- (iii) a non-ionic alkoxylated diol having a general formula I:



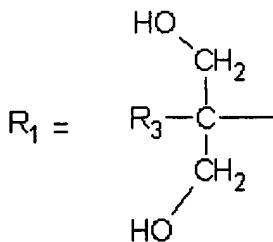
(I)

wherein:



(II)

or



(III)

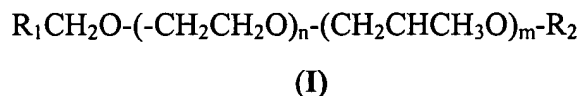
and R^2 and R_3 are ~~equal~~ the same or different and are ~~chosen among~~ selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, and i-butyl;

n is a number from 0-40;

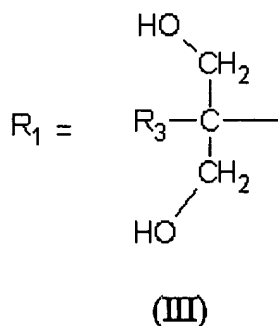
m is a number from 0-40; and
n+m is a number from 20 to 80.

2. (original) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 1., wherein n + m is a number from 20 to 40.

3. (currently amended) Aqueous dispersion of non-ionic –N-C-O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 1. ~~or 2.,~~ wherein the non-ionic alkoxyated diol (iii) has the general formula I:



wherein:



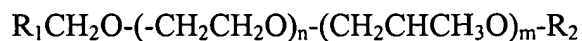
and R₂ is methyl, R₃ is ethyl, n is a number from 15 to 30 and m is a number from 0 to 10.

4. (currently amended) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1., wherein the polyisocyanate (i) is ~~the~~ an isocyanurate obtained from 1,6-hexamethylenediisocyanate and ~~the~~ a reaction product of trimethylol propane and toluenediisocyanate ~~(its 10 isomers 2, 4 and 2,6 being in a weight ratio of 80:20).~~

5. (currently amended) Aqueous dispersions of non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1., wherein the blocking agent (ii) is 3,5-dimethylpyrazole.

6. (currently amended) A ~~P~~rocess for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates comprising the ~~following~~ steps:

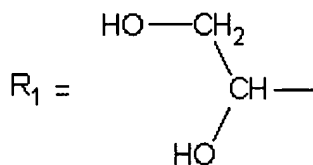
a. a polyisocyanate (i) and a non-ionic alkoxyated diol (iii) of the general formula:



~~formula~~

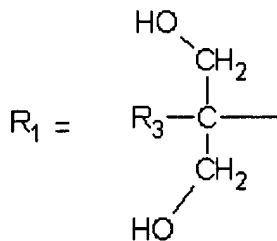
(I)

wherein



(II)

or



(III)

and R^2 and R_3 are ~~equal~~ the same or different and are ~~chosen among~~ selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, i-propyl, n-butyl, and i-butyl;

n is a number from 0-40;

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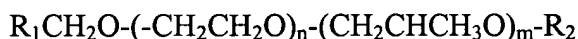
$n+m$ is a number from 20 to 80,

are reacted at a temperature of 30°-120°C, their equivalent ratio being such that the percentage of free isocyanate groups in the resulting oligomer is from 3 to 10 and the percentage in weight of ethoxy groups is from 10 to 40%;

b. the thus obtained oligomer is reacted with an amount of a blocking agent (ii) such that the equivalent ratio of the isocyanate groups of the oligomer and the blocking agent(ii) is from 1:0.98 to 1:1.30; and

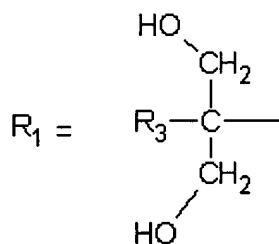
c. the thus obtained mixture is dispersed into water under vigorous stirring to obtain a dispersion having a solid content of from 20 to 40% by weight.

7. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 6., wherein the non-ionic alkoxyated diols (iii) have the general formula I:



(I)

wherein:



(III)

and R₂ is methyl, R₃ is ethyl, n is a number from 15 to 30 and m is a number from 0 to 10.

8. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic –N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 6., ~~or 7.,~~ wherein the polyisocyanate (i) is ~~the~~ an isocyanurate obtained from 1,6-hexamethylenediisocyanate and ~~the~~ a reaction product of trimethylol propane and toluenediisocyanate ~~(its 10 isomers 2, 4 and 2,6 being in a weight ratio of 80:20).~~

9. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 6, ~~or 7, or 8,~~ wherein the step b. is preceded by dilution of the reaction mixture obtained in a. with from 0.10 to 0.50 parts by weight of a water mixable polar solvent.

10. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to claim 9., wherein the water mixable polar solvent is ~~chosen among~~ selected from the group consisting of methyl ethyl ketone, acetone, and cyclohexanone.

11. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the claims from~~ claim 6. ~~to 10,~~ wherein in step a. the equivalent ratio of polyisocyanate (i) and alkoxyated diol (iii) is such that the percentage in weight of the ethoxyl groups is from 20 to 30%.

12. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the claims from~~ claim 6. ~~to 11,~~ wherein the blocking agent (ii) is ~~chosen~~ selected from the group consisting of butanone oxime and 3,5-dimethylpyrazole.

13. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the claims from~~ claim 6. ~~to 12,~~ wherein the amount of blocking agent (ii) is such that the equivalent ratio of the isocyanate groups of the oligomer and the blocking agent (ii) is from 1:1 to 1:1.2.

14. (currently amended) Process for the preparation of aqueous dispersions of non-ionic -N=C=O blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of the claims from~~ claim 6. ~~to 13,~~ wherein in step c. the mixture is dispersed into water under vigorous stirring to obtain a dispersion having a solid content of from 25 to 35% by weight.

15. (currently amended) Procedure for the oil- and/or water-repellent finishing of textiles, characterized by the fact that, as a finishing agent, an aqueous composition is used, said aqueous composition comprising ~~at least~~ an organic perfluorinated polymeric compounds and from 0.1 to 10% by weight, ~~on~~ of the total weight of the composition, of an aqueous dispersion of a non-ionic $-N=C=O$ blocked polyisocyanates according to ~~any of claims from 1. to 5. claim 1.~~ the weight ratio between the solid fraction of the aqueous dispersion and the perfluorinated polymeric organic compounds being ~~comprised~~ from between 1:1 and 1:15.

16. (currently amended) ~~A T~~textile printing pastes ~~characterized by the fact that they contain~~ comprising from 0.3 to 5% by weight of an aqueous dispersion ~~according to any of claims from 1. to 5 of claim 1.~~

17. (currently amended) ~~The Textile printing pastes characterized by the fact that they contain from 1 to 3.5% by weight of an aqueous dispersion according to any of claims from 1. to 5~~ textile printing paste of claim 16., wherein the aqueous dispersion of claim 1. is present at a concentration of from 1 to 3.5%.

18 (new) Aqueous dispersion according to claim 4., wherein the toluenediisocyanate is composed of 2,4 and 2,6 isomers being in a weight ratio of 80:20.

19. (new) Process fro the preparation of aqueous dispersion according to claim 8., wherein the toluenediisocyanate is composed of 2,4 and 2,6 isomers being in a weight ratio of 80:20.